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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN PRESS STORIES ON LETTER FROM CARTER TO GEISEL

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1. FOLLOWING ARE TRANSLATIONS OF TWO ARTICLES WHICH APPEARED IN THE BRAZILIAN PRESS JULY 12 ABOUT A LETTER SENT FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT GEISEL. OTHER BRAZILIAN MEDIA DID NOT CARRY THE STORY. REFTEL GIVES FURTHER DETAILS.

2. O GLOBO (RIO) ARTICLE HEADLINED, "JIMMY CARTER WRITIES TO GEISEL: US AND BRAZIL HAVE SAME STANCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS," "SAYING: IN LETTER RECEIVED YESTERDAY BY PRESIDENT GEISEL, U.S. PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER SHOWED HIS SATISFACTION AT LEARNING, THROUGH HIS WIFE ROSALYNN, THAT THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT HAD STANCE SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE U.S. REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS. ALTHOUGH THEY MAY HAVE DIFFERENT APPROACHES IN SOME ASPECTS, THEY HAVE THE SAME OBJECTIVE OF PROMOTING A CLIMATE OF HARMONY IN THE WORLD, "SAYS CARTER.

THE LETTER IS DATED JUNE 24 AND HAS THREE PAGES WITH THE WHITE HOUSE SEAL ON IT. THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT RESERVES THREE PARAGRAPHS FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY, EXPRESSING HIS SATISFACTION IN KNOWING THAT BRAZIL ALSO
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DEFENDS NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR ARMS AND THAT IT INTENDS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THE TLATELOLCO TREATY. CARTER RECOGNIZES BRAZIL'S ENERGY NEEDS AND ITS INTENTION NOT TO USE PLUTONIUM FOR WARFARE PURPOSES. PRESIDENT CARTER BEGINS HIS LETTER EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR THE TREATMENT HIS WIFE RECEIVED DURING HER STAY IN BRAZIL AND SAYS THAT, ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS, HE

CONSIDERED PROFITABLE THE TALKS SHE HAD WITH GEISEL AND OTHER BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES. THE TWO NEXT PARAGRAPHS DEAL WITH HUMAN RIGHTS. ACCORDING TO CARTER, IT WAS FRUITFUL TO GET FULLY ACQUAINTED WITH BRAZILIAN POINT OF VIEW ON THIS SUBJECT, WHICH HE CONSIDERS SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE U.S. THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT STATES HIS SATISFACTION IN KNOWING THAT THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT THIS ISSUE SHOULD BE OF CONCERN TO ALL GOVERNMENTS, SO THAT A CLIMATE OF PEACE AND AGREEMENT BE PROMOTED AMONG ALL NATIONS. CARTER SAYS THAT, ALTHOUGH THERE MAY BE DIFFERENT WAYS OF TREATING THE ISSUE, GOB'S GENERAL STANCE IS THE SAME AS THAT OF THE U.S. THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT DEDICATED MORE SPACE TO DISCUSS NUCLEAR ENERGY ISSUE. HE BEINGS SAYING THAT THROUGH ROSALYNN'S VISIT HE GOT TO KNOW IN DEPTH THE BRAZILIAN STANCE REGARDING THIS ISSUE AND UNDERSTANDS THE NEED FOR ENERGY IN BRAZIL. JIMMY CARTER SAYS THAT THE U.S. IS READY TO CONTINUE DISCUSSING THE SUBJECT IN BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL MEETINGS AND THAT, ACCORDING TO THE BRAZILIAN POSITION EXPLAINED TO HIS WIFE, HE HOPES THAT BRAZIL WILL HAVE A PROMINENT ROLE IN THE MEETING THE UNITED STATES IS COORDINATING TO DISCUSS THE NUCLEAR ENERGY ISSUE. NINETEEN COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN INVITED, INCLUDING BRAZIL. CARTER ALSO REFERRED TO PLUTONIUM, AFFIRMING THAT HE WAS SATISFIED TO KNOW THAT, EVEN ON THIS POINT, GOB AGREES THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR WARFARE PURPOSES. UNCLASSIFIED

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THE LAST PARAGRAPH OF THE LETTER RENEWS GRATITUDE FOR THE WELCOME GIVEN TO HIS WIFE. THE LETTER WAS TOTALLY TYPED AND SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT IN BLACK INK. ALSO IN BLACK INK THERE IS A POST SCRIPT IN WHICH CARTER SAYS ROSALYNN SENDS HER REGARDS."

3. GAZETA MERCANTIL, JULY 12, PAGE 1, TITLED "CARTER AND GEISEL". "PRESIDENT GEISEL RECEIVED YESTERDAY A LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER IN WHICH THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE FOR THE "USEFUL TALKS" HELD BY HIS WIFE ROSALYNN DURING HER VISIT TO BRAZIL." STORY CONTINUES ON PAGE 3, HEADLINED, "FROM CARTER TO GEISEL: ROSALYNN'S TALKS WERE USEFUL". THE ARTICLE CONTINUES "THE THREE-PAGE TEXT SHOWED TWO ASPECTS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT: HUMAN RIGHTS AND NUCLEAR ENERGY, AND (CARTER'S) TREATMENT OF THESE ITEMS WAS EXTEREMELY FAVORABLE TO BRAZILIAN POSITION. AFTER SHOWING GRATITUDE FOR THE RECEPTION AND FRANK TALKS HIS WIFE HAD WITH VARIOUS BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES, INCLUDING THE ONE WITH PRESIDENT GEISEL, JIMMY CARTER EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR A SOUND RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO

COUNTRIES, IN THE FORM AND CONTENT ESTABLISHED BY THE LAST 150 YEARS OF HISTORY. IN TWO PARAGRAPHS THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT SHOWED HIS SATISFACTION WITH THE CHANGE OF POSITION REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS, ASSERTING THAT HE WAS ESPECIALLY GRATIFIED TO LEARN THAT, IN THIS REGARD, BRAZILIAN AND AMERICAN STANCES, ALTHOUGH DIVERGENT IN SOME POINTS, COINCIDE IN THEIR OBJECTIVE. JIMMY CARTER MANIFESTED HIS SATISFACTION IN KNOWING THAT THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT THE AMERICAN ACTION AIMS AT PROVIDING A CLIMATE FAVORABLE TO HUMAN RIGHTS. PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER, IN THREE PARAGRAPHS, SHOWED HIS SATISFACTION WITH FRANKNESS AND OBJECTIVITY OF TALKS HELD BY HIS WIFE WITH BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES REGARDING NUCLEAR ENERGY. CARTER AFFIRMED THAT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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U.S. CAME TO BETTER UNDERSTAND BRAZIL'S NEED TO INSTALL A NUCLEAR FACILITY, AND AT THE SAME TIME GOT A NOTION OF BRAZILIAN CONCERNS AGAINST NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. CARTER AFFIRMED HIS CONCERN AND THAT OF HIS GOVERNMENT WITH NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION AND THE RISK OF SEEING PLUTONIUM USED FOR AWRLIKE PURPOSES. THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT ALSO SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT, WITH ESPECIAL INTEREST, TOOK NOTE OF THE BRAZILIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD RATIFYING THE TLATELOLCO TREATY. THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, ACCORDING TO ITS PRESIDENT, ALSO INTENDS TO CONITUNE DISCUSSIONS WITH BRAZIL ON NUCLEAR ARMS PROLIFERATION ISSUE, BOTH BILATERALLY AND MULTILATERALLY. AT NO TIME DOES THE LETTER FROM THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT MENTION THE LETTERS DELIVERED TO HIS WIFE DURING HER STAY IN BRAZIL." JOHNSON

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